

YEAS—Messrs. Blanch, Britton, Chambers, Erath, Fall, Gentry, Harman, Hart, Herbert, Hyde, Martin, Parsons, Quinan, Rains, Scarborough, Schleicher, Shepard, Stockdale, Throckmorton, Townes, Walker and Whaley—22.

NAYS—Messrs. Dickinson, Grimes, Guinn, Lott and Paschal—5.

Mr. Hart moved to reconsider the vote which ordered the bill making an appropriation and otherwise providing for the defence of the frontier, the special order for to-morrow. Carried.

The question being upon the adoption of Mr. Herbert's amendment.

Mr. Potter moved to postpone the further consideration of the bill until Saturday, the 21st inst.

Mr. Quinan moved to adjourn until 10 o'clock to-morrow, which was carried.

FRIDAY, January 20th, 1860.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by the Chaplain—roll called—quorum present.

The journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

A message was received from the House, that the House had passed the following bills :

A bill to incorporate the Air-line Railroad, " with an amendment."

A bill to incorporate the Factor's Cotton Press Company.

A bill for the relief of Stephen Kelly.

And a bill to relieve Crittenden Caleb Wells and others, from the disabilities of minority.

Mr. Fall, chairman of the committee on Engrossed Bills, reported the following bills correctly engrossed :

A bill to amend the first, fifth, seventh, thirteenth and seventeenth, sections of an act to incorporate the Houston, Trinity and Tyler Railroad Company.

A bill to amend the ninth section of the act of May 13th, '46, defining the duties of district attorneys, and supplemental to said act.

A bill to incorporate the Dallas Bridge Company.

Mr. Grimes, chairman of the Finance committee, to whom was referred a bill granting a pension to the widow of Henry Tere-wester, reported the same back to the Senate and recommended its passage.

Mr. Grimes, chairman of the committee on Finance, to whom

was referred a bill to require the accounts of the superintendents of the various asylums, to be approved by the Governor, reported the same and recommended its passage.

Mr. Grimes, chairman of the committee on Finance, made the following report :

The committee on Finance, to whom was referred the petition of sundry citizens of Van Zandt county, praying to be allowed to retain the State tax for the years 1860 and 1861, to enable them to build a court house in their county. We know of other counties in a like condition, but we believe it to be impolitic, if not unconstitutional, to allow the prayer of petitioners, each county should contribute to the State government according to its wealth and population, but we will allow them to levy a special tax for the purposes aforesaid, which we believe to be the course heretofore universally allowed by the legislature of the State, by submitting a general bill to authorize the county court of any county to levy a special tax to the amount of the State tax, whenever a majority of the tax payers of their respective counties shall by their votes sanction such tax.

A bill to authorize counties to levy a special tax for the purpose of enabling them to build court houses and jails in their respective counties. Read 1st time.

Mr. Quinan, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the memorial of the county court of the county of Brazoria, praying the ratification of its proceedings under the law of September 1st, 1856, permitting the county of Brazoria to levy a special tax for purposes of Internal Improvements, reported the following bill to the Senate, and recommended the passage of the same:

A bill supplementary to an act to permit the county of Brazoria to levy a special tax for the purpose of Internal Improvements, passed September 1st, 1856. Read 1st time.

Mr. Rainey, from the committee on Internal Improvements, made the following report :

The committee on Internal Improvements, have considered a bill to incorporate the Neches Navigation Company, and believe that the proposed enterprize should be encouraged, as it will when completed, confer the benefits of transportation upon a section of the country now totally deprived of those facilities, and the annual products of which, are taxed to the amount of almost one-fourth of their value, solely for the want of said facilities. The committee have therefore instructed me to return the accompanying substitute "for the bill" to the Senate, and recommend its passage.

A bill to incorporate the Neches Navigation Company. Read 1st time and made the order of the day for Monday the 23rd inst., 11 o'clock.

A message was received from the House, that the House had passed the following bills :

A bill for the relief of Alex. Wheeler.

And a bill for the relief of the heirs of William McDowell.

Mr. Hart introduced a bill to grant pensions for life to persons therein named. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to the committee on State Affairs.

Mr. Hart introduced a bill to grant pensions for life to persons who served three months or more in the Texas revolution in the years A. D. 1835, 1836 and 1837. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to the committee on State Affairs.

Mr. Potter introduced a bill to amend the first, third and thirteenth sections of an act to incorporate the Texas Life Fire and Marine Insurance Company, of the city of Galveston, in the State of Texas. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Chambers introduced a bill to relinquish the rights of the State to mines and minerals. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A bill to pay certain persons for arresting John T. Shanks, and procuring testimony against him.

Question being on Mr. Lott's motion to strike out two hundred dollars and insert four hundred dollars.

Mr. Hart offered a substitute for the bill.

On motion of Mr. Lott, the substitute was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Hart, Mr. Lott's amendment was laid on the table by the following vote :

YEAS—Messrs. Chambers, Dickinson, Fall, Gentry, Grimes, Guinn, Hart, Hyde, Martin, Quinan, Rains, Schleicher, Sims, Stockdale, Throckmorton, Walker, Wallace and Whaley—18.

NAYS—Messrs. Blanch, Britton, Erath, Harman, Herbert, Lott, Parsons, Paschal, Pitts, Potter, Rainey, Scarborough and Townes—13.

Mr. Stockdale moved to strike out \$200 and insert \$250.

Mr. Rainey proposed to amend this amendment by inserting 300 instead of 250.

Mr. Hart called for the previous question, which was ordered.

The main question being the passage of the bill to a 3rd reading, which was put and carried by the following vote :

YEAS—Messrs. Blanch, Britton, Chambers, Dickinson, Erath,

Fall, Gentry, Grimes, Guinn, Harman, Hart, Herbert, Hyde, Martin, Parsons, Paschal, Potter, Quinan, Rains, Scarborough, Schleicher, Shepard, Sims, Stockdale, Townes, Walker, Wallace and Whaley—18.

NAYS—Messrs. Lott, Pitts, Rainey and Throckmorton—4.

On motion of Mr. Potter, the rule was suspended, bill read 3rd time and passed.

A bill making an appropriation and otherwise providing for the protection of the frontier.

The question being on Mr. Herbert's amendment, was lost by the following vote :

YEAS—Messrs. Blanch, Chambers, Gentry, Grimes, Guinn, Herbert, Hyde, Paschal, Quinan, Rains, Rainey and Shepard—12.

NAYS—Messrs. Britton, Dickinson, Erath, Fall, Harman, Hart, Lott, Martin, Pitts, Scarborough, Schleicher, Sims, Stockdale, Throckmorton, Townes, Walker and Whaley—17.

Mr. Stockdale offered the following amendment :

Add at the end of section 2, " Provided that the debt created under the provisions of this section shall at no time exceed the sum of two hundred thousand dollars."

Mr. Throckmorton moved to amend the amendment by striking out " two " and inserting " three."

Mr. Quinan offered a substitute for the bill and amendments.

Upon which the yeas and nays were called and stood as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Britton, Chambers, Dickinson, Grimes, Guinn, Herbert, Hyde, Martin, Parsons, Paschal, Potter, Quinan, Rains, Rainey, Scarborough, Shepard, Stockdale and Townes—19.

NAYS—Messrs. Erath, Fall, Harman, Hart, Schleicher, Throckmorton and Whaley—7.

Mr. Throckmorton moved to refer the bill to the committee on Ways and Means. Lost.

Mr. Throckmorton moved to adjourn until to-morrow morning 10 o'clock. Carried by the following vote :

YEAS—Messrs. Blanch, Britton, Erath, Fall, Guinn, Hart, Hyde, Rains, Rainey, Schleicher, Shepard, Sims, Throckmorton, Townes and Whaley—15.

NAYS—Messrs. Chambers, Dickinson, Gentry, Grimes, Harman, Herbert, Martin, Parsons, Paschal, Potter, Quinan, Scarborough and Stockdale—13.